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WALT: Identify language features.

Steps to success:

To know what a good sentence opener is.

To know engaging words.

To know which features make a good paragraph.

Sentence starters - open the sentence, makes sentence more interesting

Generalisers - e.g. **Most** children remember their book. Makes a **general** statement that is not specific.
The horse is black. **Some horses are black.**

Comparison - words that compare something to something else. How it is similar or different.
e.g. A woolly mammoth is related to the elephant.
A giraffe is taller than a horse.

Useful generalisers	Sentence openers	Comparison
Most	Surprisingly	Is similar to
Many	Interestingly	Unlike
All	Amazingly	Identical to
A few		Related to
majority		In the same way

Interestingly, Woolly Mammoths were related to the elephant but they were much taller and heavier. They often lived alongside humans during the Ice Age and became extinct around 11,000 years ago. Cave paintings of the woolly mammoth have been found in France and Spain. Majority of mammoths measured up to 3.5m tall and weighed about 6 tonnes. Mammoths had two coats of fur. The outer coat was long and rough and there was a shorter, softer coat underneath. This fur kept them warm in a very harsh environment. They also had tusks for protection and fighting. These could grow up to 2.5m long! Their long, thick and furry coat kept them warm in the icy climate. Most used their long tusks to dig for food under the snow and ice. Amazingly, remains of mammoths have been found in Europe, Asia and North America. Their woolly coats meant that they could survive in cold climates. All mammoths were herbivores and ate grass, leaves and bushes. More recently, some scientists have found whole woolly mammoths encased in ice. Fortunately, this has helped us to understand more about them.